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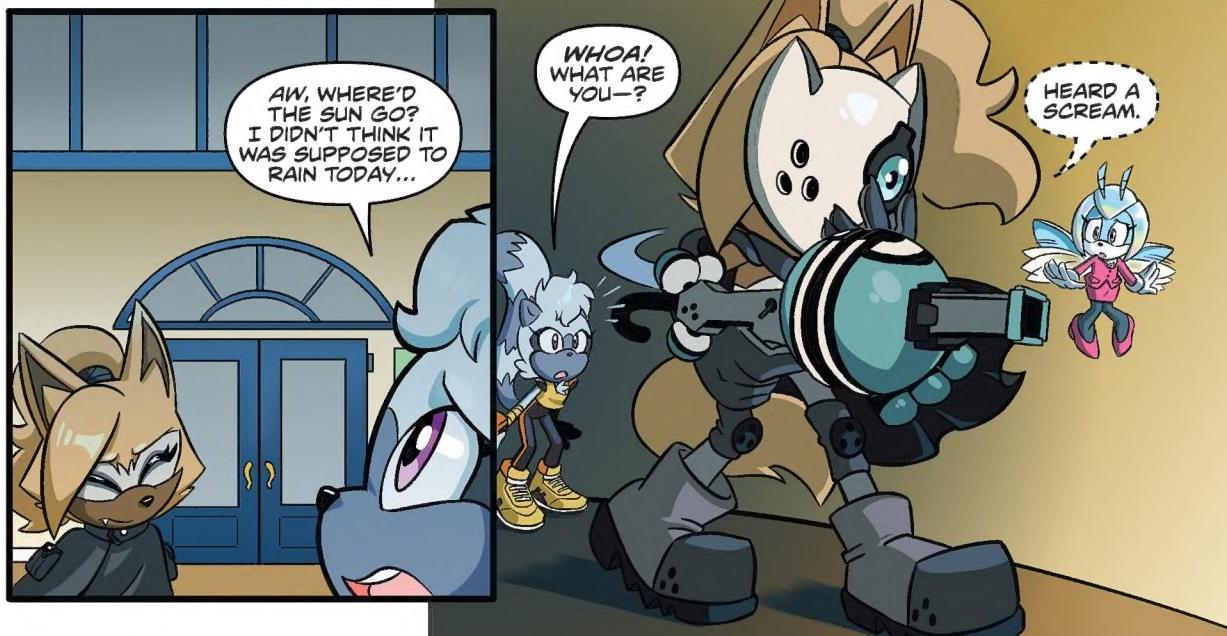
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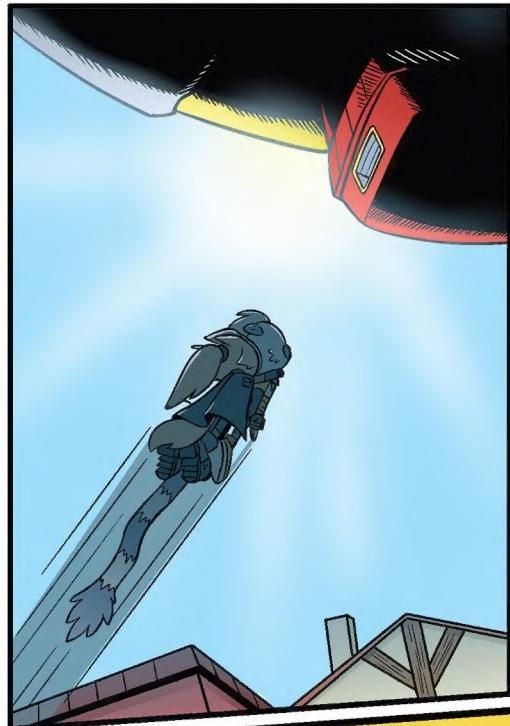




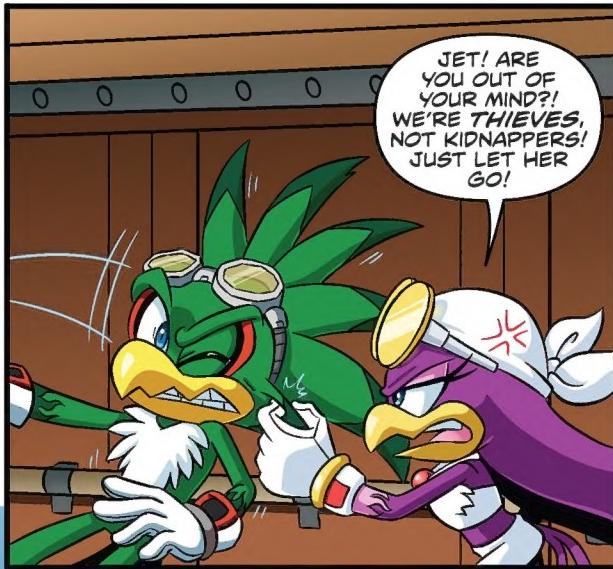












IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT SAVING FACE, THEN WHY ARE YOU SPENDING TIME BICKERING IN FRONT OF THE-!

RRRRGH—  
FINE! JUST  
TOSS 'EM OUT!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS.

THANK GOODNESS, I WAS AFRAID THIS WAS GOING TO GET VIOLENT.







SORRY!  
BOUNDARIES—  
I KNOW! BUT I'M  
ASSUMING YOU'VE  
GOT A PLAN SO  
WE DON'T GO  
SPLAT!



LATER...



NOT ONLY DID YOU SAVE MY LIFE, BUT MY LIVELIHOOD.



VRRRRR



JET SET  
TORNADO



I MEAN, IT'S  
MORE OF AN  
AILERON ROLL,  
BUT CLOSE  
ENOUGH...

THANKS FOR TAKING ME UP IN THE TORNADO, TAILS!

IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG SINCE I'VE SAT IN THE COCKPIT!

WELL, WE HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF PEACETIME IN THE SKIES LATELY.

I WANT TO GET READY FOR WHATEVER WE MIGHT FACE NEXT, AND THAT MEANS NEW TECH.

PLUS, WHO BETTER TO HELP TEST MY NEW JET BOOSTER PROTOTYPE FOR SPEED?

"BUT REMEMBER, THIS BOOSTER IS SUPER POWERFUL."

"WE'LL TAKE IT EASY AND DO A FEW STRAIGHTAWAYS AND CALL IT A DAY."

"WE DON'T WANT TO PUT THE TORNADO UNDER TOO MUCH STRESS."

STRESS? ME? I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WOR—

GAH!

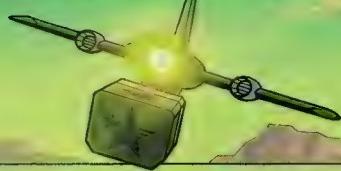
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WOA!  
THAT BADNIK  
CAME OUT OF  
NOWHERE! DIDN'T  
EVEN SHOW UP  
ON RADAR!

THAT ARMOR  
AND THOSE  
SPEEDS... IT'S  
SOME KIND OF  
STEALTH BALKIRY!



RESISTANCE  
SUPPLIES! IT  
MUST'VE RAIDED  
THE NEARBY  
STOREHOUSE FOR  
FUEL CELLS!



CAN'T  
HAVE THAT,  
CAN WE?

BUT WE'LL  
NEVER CATCH  
UP UNLESS—

WAY  
AHEAD OF  
YOU, PAL!

HOLD ON,  
LET ME—

BOOM





ONE WRONG  
MANEUVER  
AND WE RISK  
A SERIOUSLY  
UNSCHEDULED  
LANDING.

HEH.  
DON'T  
WANT  
THAT.

PLINK

IT'S TRYING  
TO LOSE US  
IN THAT ISLAND  
CANYON—WE'LL  
HAVE TO CUT THE  
BOOSTER POWER IF  
WE WANT TO STAY  
IN ONE PIECE.

UM...  
ABOUT  
THAT...

I... MAY HAVE SMASHED  
THE BUTTON A LITTLE TOO  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY...

I'LL  
ADD THAT  
TO MY LIST OF  
SCHEDULED  
UPGRADES...

BUT NO  
PROBLEM!  
WE'LL JUST HAVE  
TO THINK EVEN  
FASTER THAN  
WE FLY!

HECK  
YEAH!

SEE THOSE  
VOLCANIC  
VENTS? THESE  
ISLANDS ARE  
FULL OF  
THEM.

IN A  
CANYON LIKE  
THIS, THEY'LL  
PRODUCE WILD  
CURRENTS THIS  
BIRD-BRAIN WON'T  
CONSIDER.





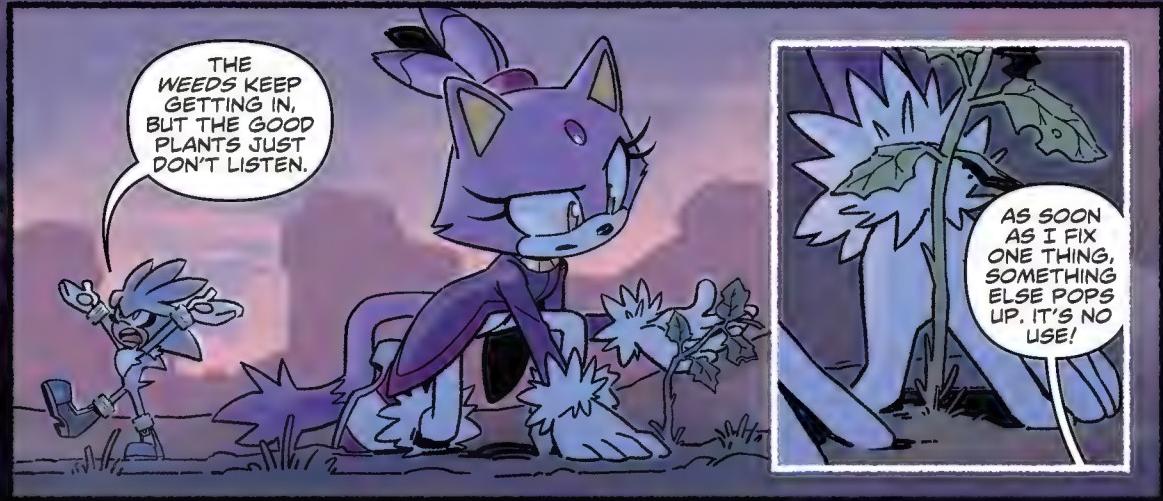




# VICTORY GARDEN











"THE PLANTS  
KNOW EXACTLY  
WHAT TO DO,  
AND WILL TELL  
YOU WHAT THEY  
NEED TO DO IT."

"ALL YOU  
MUST DO  
IS LISTEN."

"...AND  
PROVIDE"



**THE END.**

THE DUSTY DESERT.

THIS IS IT, TUMBLE. WE'VE FINALLY FOUND IT—

## THE LOST PYRAMID OF DR. EGGMAN.

I-I'M STILL NOT SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, ROUGH.

I MEAN—WHAT IF EGG-FACE ABANDONED IT FOR A REASON?

## CURSE OF THE PYRAMID

YOU NEED TO SKUNK UP!

JUST IMAGINE ALL THE LOVELY LOOT STASHED IN THIS THING. ROBOTS... WEAPONS... AND IT'S OURS. ALL OURS!













NOW WHAT?





# SONIC FAN CLUB!

STORY BY  
JAMES KOCHALKA

MAY THE  
FIRST MEETING  
OF THE SONIC  
FAN CLUB  
PLEASE COME  
TO ORDER.

ART BY  
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+  
REGGIE  
GRAHAM

HEY! HOW  
COME YOU GET  
TO BANG THE  
GAVEL? I WANT  
TO DO IT.

BANG!  
BANG!  
BANG!



I GET TO  
BANG THE  
GAVEL BECAUSE  
I'M THE CLUB  
PRESIDENT.

THAT'S  
NOT  
FAIR.

I SHOULD BE  
CLUB PRESIDENT.  
I CAN RUN REALLY  
FAST JUST LIKE  
SONIC CAN.

NO WAY.  
THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE.









HEY GUYS!  
WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH, HI  
TANGLE!

THIS IS  
THE FIRST  
OFFICIAL  
MEETING OF  
THE SONIC  
FAN CLUB!

BONK!  
BONK!  
BONK!  
BONK!  
BONK!  
BONK!

GNAW  
GNAW  
GNAW

TROMP!

Stomp!

SONIC FAN  
CLUB?! YOU  
GUYS SHOULD  
HAVE A TANGLE  
FAN CLUB  
INSTEAD!

WATCH  
WHAT I  
CAN DO!

WHOOSH!





\* the end \*



# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Squad? Hope you enjoyed our first *Sonic the Hedgehog Annual!* This was a great way to tell some silly and touching stories we just didn't have time for in the main series—and to let some of the many great comic creators who want to work on Sonic have a chance to contribute! I can't wait for the next one... too bad it's another year away! While we wait, let's check out some of your wonderful art and letters!

Dear IDW Sonic comic team,

Hello! My name is Madeline, and I am one of the biggest Sonic fangirls! I am almost 18, and *Team Sonic Racing* happens to be releasing on my 18th birthday. I love issue #13; it is now one of my favorites of the comic so far. Words cannot describe how much I adore Sonic and Tails, and this issue and this whole series really shows their bond. They are true brothers, and they are my favorite duo of all time. Thank you to everyone on the comic team for doing an amazing job on this series. The art is beautiful, and all of the characterizations are just perfect! I can't wait to see more heartwarming brotherly moments between Sonic and Tails as the comic continues on. I'd like to share my drawing of them here. I'll always love and support Sonic, my favorite character and series of all time.

Your forever fan,  
Madeline Morales

Hi Madeline,

So glad you love the series and happy early birthday! We love Sonic and Tails too, and hope that Caleb, Jack, and Leonardo delivered you the brotherly teamwork you're looking for in their story in this issue! Hard to think of a more iconic duo—particularly in comics—than these two, huh?

Hi Sonic fans!

I've been a Sonic fan since 2017. I like the comics and hope to see one of my drawings in the comics. Some of my favorite Sonic games are the classics, especially *Sonic Mania*! So I made a fan art, which has both modern and classic Sonics in the picture. I also made it in the style of Mania. I hope you like the work I did!

Alex K.

Hi Alex,

*Sonic Mania* may be one of the most recent games, but it sure is a classic! That's a really fun piece of the two Sonics teaming up! Usually when we see the two of them together, it's in a Modern Sonic title, so it's a super cool idea to have them both in a Classic game! And it seems like you aren't the only Classic Sonic fan this issue...

Hello IDW,

I'm Thomas Moore, an 11-year-old and I'm a gigantic fan of your work on Sonic. I love to create Sonic artwork all the time and it would be amazing to have other fans see



Art by Madeline Morales



my art too! It would be so cool if we could see Mighty the Armadillo and Classic Sonic make appearances. Really liking the new comic series, keep up the great work!

Up, over and out,  
Thomas

Hi Thomas,

Thanks so much for the kind words! We think other fans will enjoy seeing your art too! Unfortunately, we won't be seeing Mighty, Classic Sonic, or any of the other classic characters in this series—they're a separate story! But if folks like you keep telling us they want Classic stories, maybe one day we'll figure out a way to do them!

Sonic had 10 chili dogs, but has eaten 3. How many chili dogs does he have left?

Hi, everyone, I'm a teacher and a huge fan of Sonic! Sonic was a big part of my childhood so I'm glad to be able to talk about him with the upcoming generations. You all are doing a fantastic job with this comic and I am very thrilled to be able to share it with emerging readers. I'm hoping I can use these to help create a love of reading and maybe a few comic fans as well.

Keep up the stellar work,  
Miss Sam

Hi Miss Sam,

7! Sonic has 7 chili dogs left! Yeah... we can do math! It's always wonderful to hear from teachers like yourself and extra great that you can really share Sonic with your students on a personal level. We made this issue a little extra educational—there're facts about gardening and planes if you look for 'em—just for you. And for all of your students and all the emerging readers reading this (even with help) right now, you're doing a great job! Keep at it!



That's all for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you in a year! Or... in a month when the next regular issue's out...

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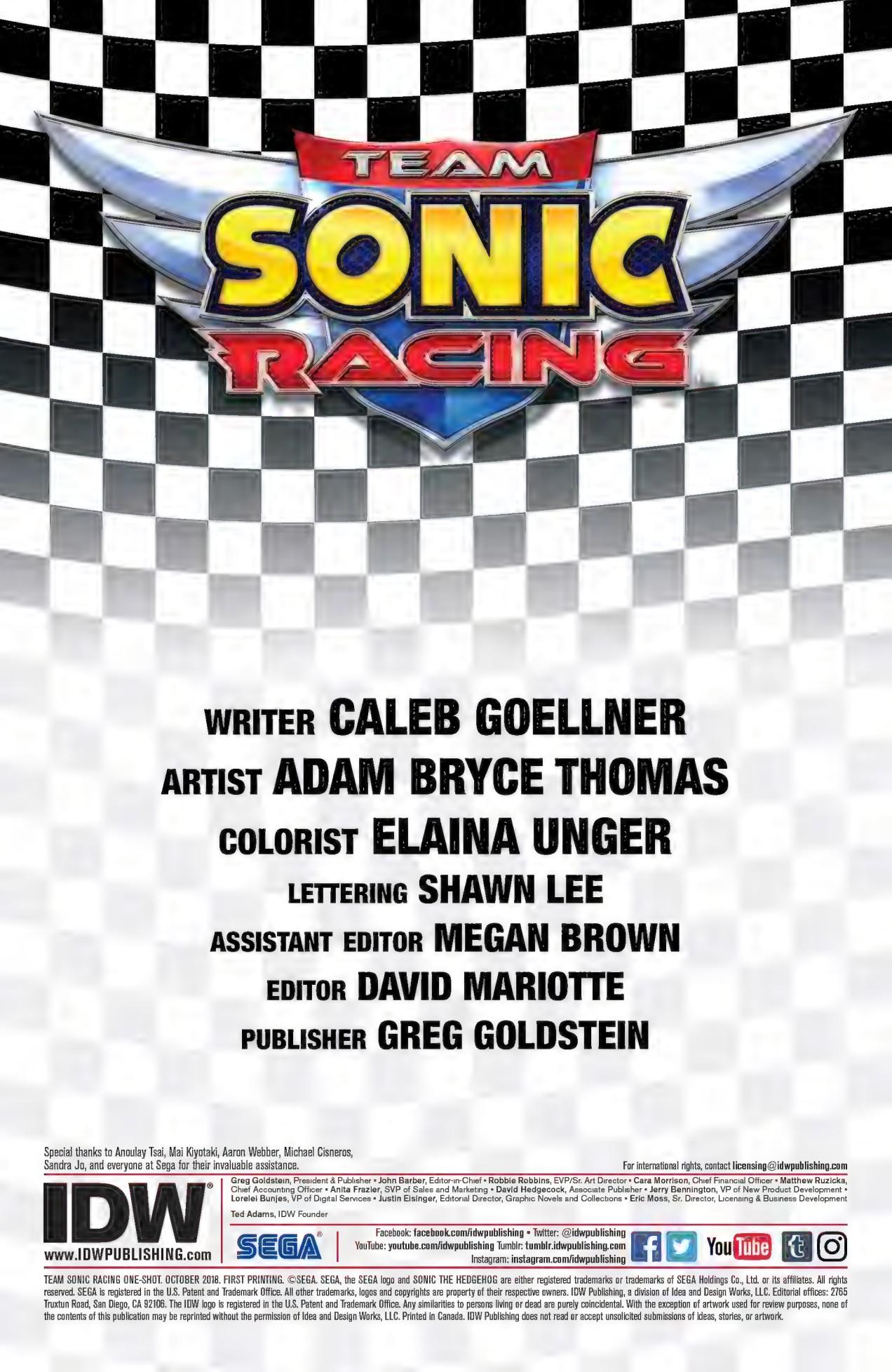


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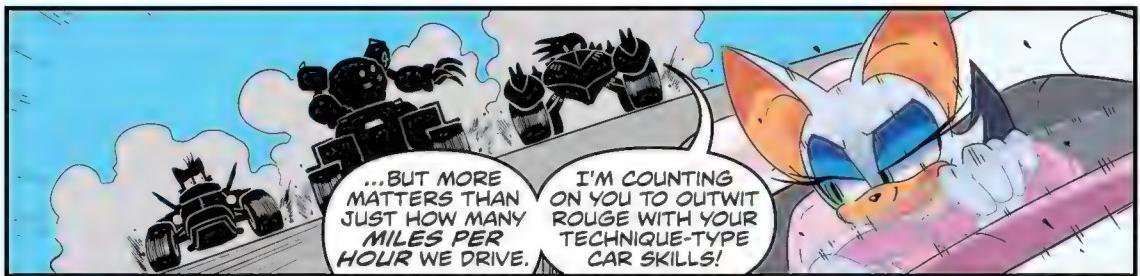
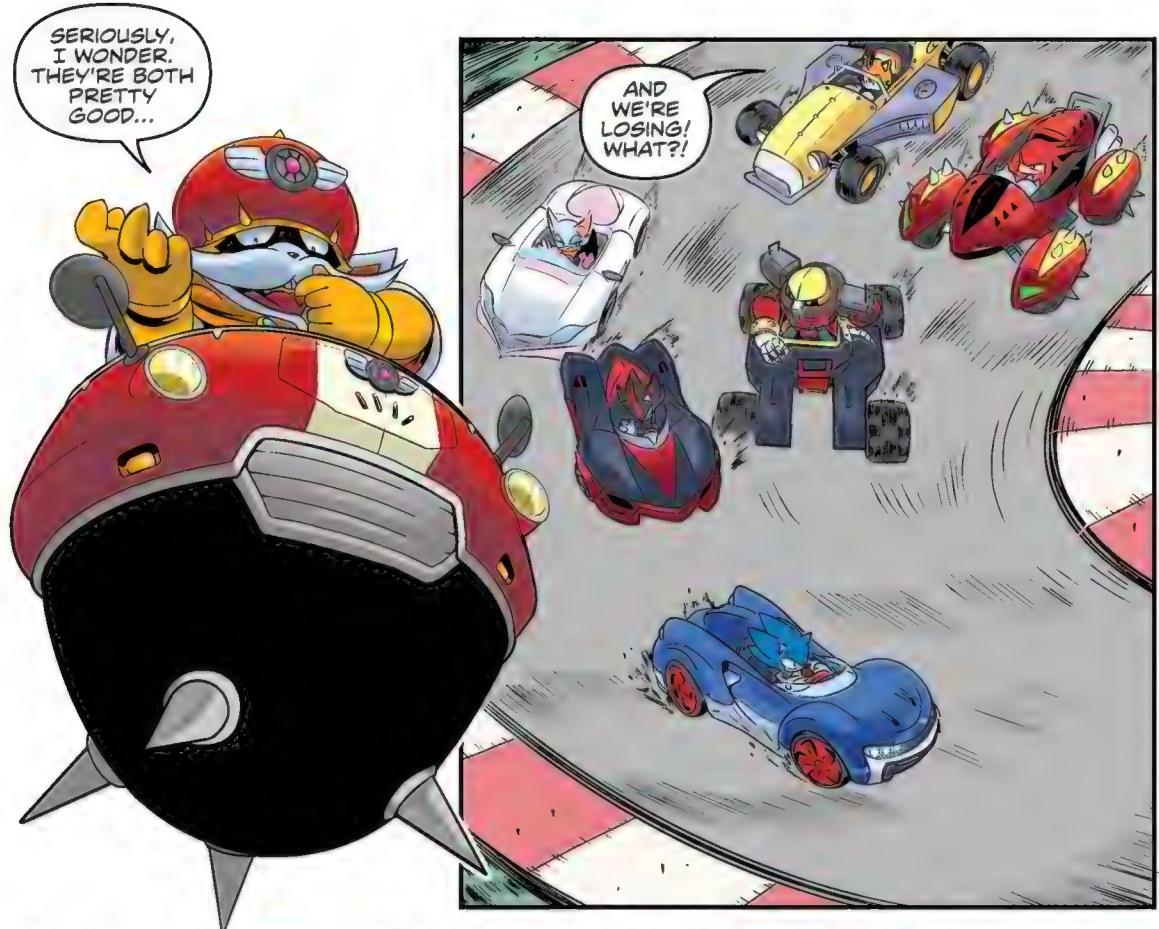
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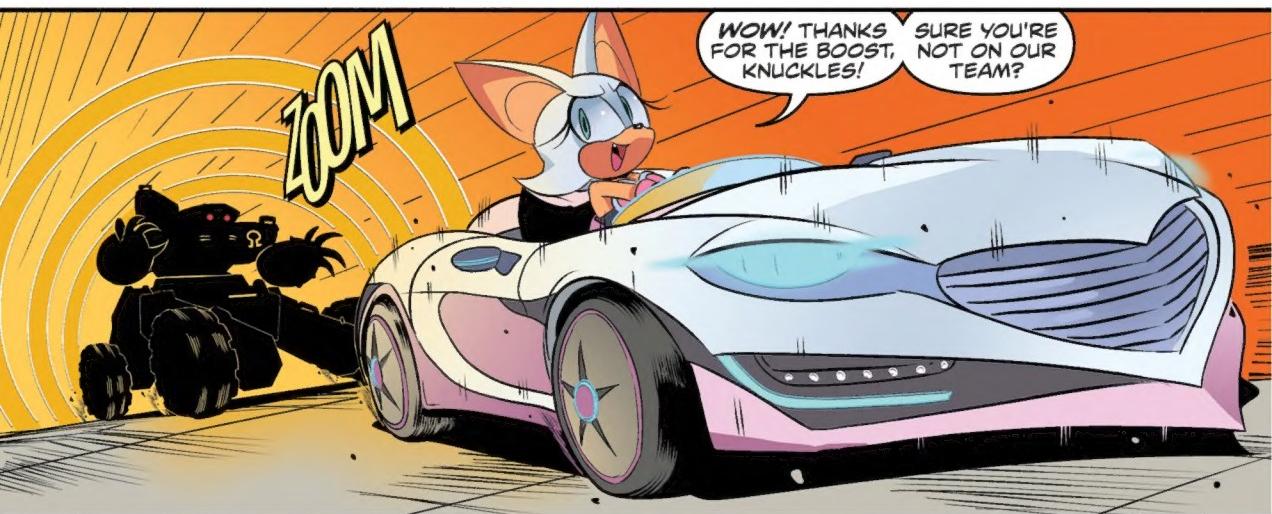
DRIVING CARS FAST ENOUGH TO ENTERTAIN EVEN SONIC, ON CRAZY TRACKS STOCKED WITH WISP POWER-UPS.

ALL FOR AN ECCENTRIC MYSTERY MAN, DODON PA. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE COMES FROM OR WHY HE HOSTS RACES.

BLUE HEDGEHOG OR BLACK HEDGEHOG? WHO WILL SURVIVE? HOHOHO.







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